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SUBJECT: CAO DAI CHURCH DECREES NEUTRALITY IN CURRENT POLITICAL
UPHEAVALS

A SENIOR CAO DAI OFFICIAL INFORMED OUR TAY NINH ARRO THAT THE
CAO DAI CHURCH HELD ITS ANNUAL "DIEU TRI", AN EXECUTIVE/
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE CAO DAI CHURCH, AT THE TAY
NINH HOLY SEE ON OCTOBER 8. THIS MEETING, PRESIDED OVER BY THREE
EXECUTIVE CARDINALS, WAS ATTENDED BY 45 PROVINCE-LEVEL CAO DAI
PRIESTS AND 700 DISTRICT-LEVEL PRIESTS PLUS CAO DAI CLERGY FROM
THE HOLY SEE. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL, IN THE COURSE OF THE
MEETING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH FORMALLY REITERATED THE CAO
DAI POSITION OF POLITICAL NEUTRALITY AND EXPLICITLY ORDERED THAT
CAO DAI PRIESTS REFRAIN FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY CATHOLIC,
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BUDDHIST, OR OTHER PROTEST MOVEMENT. THIS ORDER REPORTEDLY HAS

THE EFFECT OF CHURCH LAW WITH "MORAL PUNISHMENT" FOR ANY WHO
MIGHT VIOLATE IT.
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